

during Operation Enduring Freedom. SPC Horne died in Bagram, Afghanistan. SPC Horne was assigned to the 96th Aviation Support Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

According to the Associated Press, SPC Horne always made good grades in school. She ranked third in the Greenville High School graduating class of 2010. Percy Powell, one of SPC Horne's teachers, said she was an impeccable student throughout high school. "Everything she wanted to do, she wanted to do it perfect."

SPC Horne enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2009. She was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky prior to her deploying. SPC Horne served as a human resource specialist. It was her job to make sure soldiers' records were accurately maintained and updated. SPC Horne planned to attend college after completing her second tour of duty with hopes of becoming a physician.

Betty Horne, SPC Horne's mother, said her daughter was intelligent and driven. "She was a very smart, knowledgeable lady," Mrs. Horne said. "I am so proud of her." Sydney Horne, one of her brothers, said SPC Horne was the big sister every brother should have. "She was an outgoing person," Sydney Horne said. "She loved children. She loved me a lot." Carolyn McAdams, mayor of Greenwood, expressed remorse over the loss of the 20-year-old soldier. "You know the war is going on, but until something like this happens, it hits home dramatically," Mayor McAdams said.

When SPC Horne's body arrived at the Greenwood-Leflore Airport, more than 200 people came to pay their respects. SPC Horne's flag-draped casket was met by an Army Honor Guard. Terry Fields, a U.S. Army veteran from Greenwood, came to support a fallen comrade. "It's an honor to honor somebody that gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we have today," Mr. Fields said. Members of the Patriot Guard led the procession from the airport to the Century Funeral Home.

The funeral service for SPC Horne was held at the Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Greenwood. Reverend Robert Williams Jr, pastor of the Community Baptist Church, said SPC Horne had a higher calling than serving our country. "Patricia has fulfilled her purpose. Now, she's gone home," Rev. Williams said. "Her purpose was to be a good soldier in the Lord's army." Brigadier General (BG) William B. Hickman, the division's deputy commander, praised SPC Horne's commitment to the Army. He said SPC Horne was an exemplary soldier who embraced the Army's values of duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and courage. SPC Horne received the Army Commendation medal, the Army Good Conduct medal, and the NATO International Security Assistance Force medal.

SPC Horne was buried with full military honors at Hudson Park Cemetery in Greenwood. SPC Horne is survived by her mother, Betty L. Horne, her three sisters, Aleisha Horne, Chaileta B. Horne, and Angelique Willis; and her two brothers, Ronald A. Horne and Sydney J. Horne.

SPC Horne's commitment to protect our nation will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INVESTITURE OF JUDGE MARIAM SAAD BAZZI

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mariam Saad Bazzi on her investiture as Judge of the Third Circuit Court of Wayne County. Judge Bazzi has served Wayne County and southeast Michigan with distinction and honor throughout her involvement in community organizations and previous judiciary service.

After graduating from Wayne State University Law School in 2005, Judge Bazzi began her legal career as a law clerk at the Law Offices of Hamood, Runco & Fergestrom. A year later, she was hired at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, where she most recently served as the lead attorney on the Deed and Mortgage Fraud Task Force. During her 11 year tenure at the Prosecutor's Office, Judge Bazzi also oversaw a unit that prosecutes financial crime, with a focus on complex mortgage and property related fraud, and earned respect for her commitment to the law and to the southeastern Michigan community. Her work as an assistant prosecuting attorney brought her years of experience in complex and diverse parts of the law as well as a respect and deep understanding of the role of the judiciary.

Judge Bazzi has also distinguished herself through her outstanding record of community service. She served as president of the Dearborn Board of Education and chair of Henry Ford College's Board of Trustees until Governor Snyder appointed her as Wayne County Circuit judge, where her leadership was integral to the district's high graduation rates and top national ranking. Additionally, Judge Bazzi is a member of the Michigan Middle Eastern Affairs Commission, the Governor's Environmental Justice Task Force, and the Arab American Political Action Committee. Judge Bazzi has been an impactful leader and involved citizen, and it is my hope that she continues to build on her success and involvement in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge Mariam Bazzi for her appointment to Wayne County's Third Circuit Court. Her commitment to the rule of law and exemplary service to Wayne County will surely continue in her new role.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIER FIRST LIEUTENANT (1LT) MATTHEW RYAN STOVALL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Mississippi Army National Guard soldier First Lieutenant (1LT) Matthew Ryan Stovall who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our great nation on August 22, 2004, during Operation Iraqi Free-

dom. According to the Associated Press, 1LT Stovall was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near the vehicle he was riding in. At the time of his death, 1LT Stovall was taking part in a humanitarian aid and convoy mission in Mosul, Iraq. 1LT Stovall was assigned to the 367th Maintenance Company, 298th Corps Support Battalion, Mississippi Army National Guard, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

1LT Stovall joined the Mississippi Army National Guard prior to his 1997 graduation from Neshoba Central High School. He completed Officer Candidate School in 2001 and later completed the Officer Basic Course in Fort Eustis, Virginia in 2002. That same year, 1LT Stovall married his wife, Natalie. Together they had one son, Walker Stovall.

In September 2003, 1LT Stovall deployed to Mosul, Iraq. While in Mosul, he was chosen to lead the 1st Platoon of the 401st Transportation Company, known as the "A Team." During his deployment, 1LT Stovall stayed in contact with his cousin, Robin McClellan, a teacher at Philadelphia Elementary School. He regularly communicated through e-mails with the students in her fifth grade class. The students would get excited every time his e-mails were read aloud to them.

Two months before 1LT Stovall was to return home from Iraq, he was fatally wounded. According to the Associated Press, approximately 500 people attended the memorial service held at McClain-Hayes Funeral Home. Mississippi National Guard Major General (MG) Harold Cross presented 1LT Stovall's family with awards including the Purple Heart and the Mississippi Magnolia Cross for Meritorious Service. "He made people want to follow him," MG Cross said "He is the kind of person that doesn't come along for generations." Hundreds of Neshoba County residents lined the nine mile route from the funeral home to the Coldwater Baptist Church cemetery where he was laid to rest. He was buried with full military honors.

In August 2004, 1LT Stovall's aunt, JoAnn Carney, wrote about her nephew in a post on Iraqwarheroes.com. "I loved him so very much," Mrs. Carney said. "My nephew was a remarkable man that touched everyone he met. We are going to miss him so very much."

Following the death of 1LT Stovall, Stovall's Sacrifice for Soldiers was founded. The Stovall Foundation offers financial assistance to military men and women defending our nation and to carry on the memory of 1LT Stovall.

1LT Stovall is survived by his son, Walker; his parents, Buck and Ellon Stovall; his sister, Marsha Stovall Vance; and his brother, Mark Stovall.

This young, courageous soldier paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. 1LT Stovall will not be forgotten.

SUPPORT FOR THE URBAN AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION ACT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the Urban Agriculture Production Act of 2017.

Across America, too many of our urban neighborhoods are absent of stores where